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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - APRIL 1

1. NYT (PAGE 1) CRAIG WHITNEY FROM BONN REPORTS WEST GERMANY HAS ABANDONED A PLAN TO BUILD A \$600 MILLION NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN THE SOVIET UNION IN A MAJOR POLITICAL SETBACK TO WEST GERMAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. ALSO OTHER PAPERS.

2. NYT (PAGE 6) DAVE BINDER SAYS WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION EXPECT TO COMPLETE A PNE AGREEMENT LIMITING PEACEFUL AND WEAPONS EXPLOSIONS TO 150 KILOTONS "WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS."

3. NYT (PAGE 10) REPORTS FROM GENEVA U.S. REJECTED SOVIET PLAN TO HOLD EUROPEAN MEETINGS ON ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION CALLED FOR IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

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4. NYT (PAGE 12) AP FROM BONN SAYS SADAT CAUTIONED THE

SOVIETS TO STAY OUT OF THE CIVIL WAR IN LEBANON.

5. WP (PAGE 3) AP REPORTS ACDA SAYS SOVIETS APPEAR TO OVERTAKING THE U.S. AS THE WORLD'S LEADING ARMS DEALER.

6. WP (PAGE 22) PETER OSNOS FROM TBILSI REPORTS COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP IN GEORGIA CRACKING DOWN ON LUCRATIVE OR LUXURIOUS TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS.

7. CSM (PAGE 6) DAVID WILLEY REPORTS FROM ROME THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS PUBLISHED AN INDIGNANT DENIAL OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT IT IS RECEIVING SECRET FUNDS FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

8. CSM (PAGE 7) PAUL WOHL REPORTS LEONID PLYUSHCH AS SAYING THAT MOST OF THE RUSSIAN INTELLIGENTSIA SYMPATHIZE WITH THE DISSIDENTS.

9. CSM (PAGE 12) ELIZABETH POND FROM MINSK REPORTS BYELORUSSIA SEES LIGHT AT END OF CONSTRUCTION TUNNEL FOR ITSELF AND REST OF SOVIET UNION WHERE BUILDINGS GO UNFINISHED FOR YEARS.

10. SUN (PAGE 4) AP FROM MOSCOW REPORTS U.S. EMBASSY GETS MORE THREATENING CALLS. KISSINGER

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